

MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF MAY 7, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 7, 2024, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3:00 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Vice Chair
Terri Wells, Commissioner

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara (absent)

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; Stacey Woody, Interim Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Lillian Govus, Communications and Public Engagement Director; Rachael Sawyer, Strategic Partnerships Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Allison Dains, Parks and Recreation Director; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director

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During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

Review the Board's Agenda.

Staff Updates:

Ferry Road Solicitation. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, introduced Sarah Odio, Assistant Director for the School of Government's Development Finance Initiative, who discussed the next steps in the solicitation for a Master Development Partner including what to look for in a partner, the Key Features of the Ferry Road Community, and the Partner Timeline. The Commissioners expressed their enthusiasm for the plan.

Opioid Settlement Funding Annual Presentation. Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health Manager, provided a Strategic Planning Overview on the Funding. She gave an update on what has been accomplished so far, including Items funded in FY 2024 and the impact of Collaborative Strategic Planning, the Hope & Healing Campaign, Recovery Support Services, and Naloxone Distribution. She discussed the plan looking ahead to include FY 2025 Allocations, Budget Forecast, Strategic Approach and Remaining Priorities.

Asheville Primary School Feasibility Study. Robert Brown, General Services Project Manager, gave an update on the Asheville Primary School Site Feasibility Study with associated reviews of Hall Fletcher Elementary Site & Montford North Star Academy. He discussed the priorities Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools came up with and gave an overview of the Asheville Primary School site, the Hall Fletcher Elementary School Site, the Montford North Star Academy (William Randolph) Site, and next steps in the process.

Open Space Bond Funding Set Aside. Jill Carter, Open Space Bond Project Manager, reported on Open Space Bond Allocations including Current Bond Allocations, an overview and timeline for passive recreation lands, and information on the Ferry Road Open Space. Allison Dains, Parks and Recreation Director, provided objectives for Deaverview Mountain and talked about open space bond funding needs. Jill Carter talked about funding commitments and next steps.

CDBG Quarterly Update. Nancy Williams, Community Development Program Manager, provided a quarterly update on CDBG-NR Grant Administration activities to date and activities remaining.

Open Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

STACEY WOODY, INTERIM CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
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